



## **BWWGS**

### **Code of Conduct**

- All persons Member or Non-member attending a BWWGS event are subject to this Code of Conduct.
- BWWGS participants should also familiarize themselves with and abide by the Kennel Club Code of Conduct.
- BWWGS participants when engaged in competitive events with their dogs conduct themselves in such a way as not to bring discredit to the Society and will demonstrate good sportsmanship at all times.
- The BWWGS expects courtesy and co-operation to be shown towards organisers. Abusive or aggressive behaviour towards, judges, other participants, club officials or other officials will not be tolerated under any circumstances. No-one should be subject to intimidation or made to feel alarmed or distressed or put in fear of reprisal. Harassment is a criminal offense and may be defined as causing alarm, distress and anxiety and fear of physical violence or other threat, offensive statements, verbal abuse and threats. Conduct may include speech, obstruction and so on. Whilst the pressures and tensions which arise at competitive level are understood, any aggression or abuse towards those who are simply undertaking their jobs for the benefit and interest of the competitor and the audience and ultimately the dog itself cannot be tolerated.
- Criticism of grounds hosts, guns or officials or individuals at any time is in breach of Kennel Club rules this includes using Social Media sites and is totally unacceptable.
- Do not interfere without permission with any dog whilst at any event.
- Smoking is not permitted whilst exhibiting or whilst a dog is under test or in breach of the law.
- Mobile phones should be turned off whilst under competition.
- If you have children, do not allow them to touch any dogs unless you have the permission of the owner for them to do so. Be aware of where your children are, and what they are doing, at all times.
- All dogs must be of the correct temperament.
- Members will consider the welfare of their dogs at all times.
- Dogs are not permitted to wear electronic collars or harsh spiked collars at BWWGS events.
- Repeated violations as above may result in expulsion in accordance with BWWGS rule 12.

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